

Child Abuse & Domestic Violence Prevention

Month of the Military Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month, & Domestic Violence (DV) Prevention

April is the Month of the Military Child & Week of the Young Child - April 18-24 - Theme: "Children's Opportunities - - Our Responsibilities". An annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families, and to recognize early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. NAEYC research helps us to recognize the important role that children's earliest years play in shaping their learning and development. Please join with all of Child & Youth Services (CYS) and celebrate our wonderful military children. CYS will be providing lots of fun-filled activities throughout the month. Please check your program newsletter for a listing of fun activities you can enjoy with your child.

The Child Development Center (CDC) and Part Day Programs (PDP) will be planning special events to celebrate our young children and their loving caregivers. Check with your child's classroom for a calendar of events. PDP Activities - April 5-9. PDP will celebrate with various special activities each day. Please watch classroom notices/newsletters for additional info. CDC Carnival - April 16, Bldg 6. Check with your child's classroom staff for additional info.

Drawing for Children's Spring Basket - April 9. In appreciation of Month of the Military Child, the Armed Services YMCA is giving away 3 children's basket's full of spring goodies. Sign up at any of these locations thru April 8. FRA Satellite Office, Bldg 5, EAFB 3rd Medical Group, and the Central Office. Drawing will be held April 9, noon. For more info, call 384-9622 or 552-9622.

Family Child Care (FCC) Carnival - April 13, Bldg 337, 9:30-11:30 am. All FCC providers and the children they have in care are invited to attend. Parents are encouraged to join their children for this event. Please contact the FCC Office, 384-1500 for more info.

School Ages Services (SAS) Open House - April 21, with activities and a light snack, 5-6 pm.

CYS is sponsoring a Parents' Night Out - April 23, Bldg 337, 5:30-9:30 pm. (children 6 weeks thru 12 years). Cost will be \$12 per each child participating in the program. Space is limited and reservations are required, call 384-7484.

Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy Program (FAP) will be providing classes on Child Abuse Prevention Month. Theme: "Building Safe Communities Prevents Child Abuse". This community is committed to putting an end to child abuse and for that reason the Army designates April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Everyone shares responsibilities for keeping our children safe from child abuse and neglect. Share the duty and create a supportive and secure environment for our children. Parents and families are encouraged to attend the calendar of events for Month of the Military Child, Child Abuse Prevention Month and Domestic Violence Prevention. For more info, call Sharon Parker 384-0504, or Beth Von Gemmingen, 384-7506.

Parent's Reaching Out to Parents (PROP's) Classes, Bldg 600, 10:30 am - noon. April 6 "Parenting Adolescents", April 13 "Parenting with Positive Discipline", April 20 "Parenting Tips", April 27 "Parenting with Less/No Stress". For more info call Beth Von Gemmingen 384-7506 or Pam Christianson 742-1600.

Child Maltreatment & Domestic Violence 101 - April 7, Bldg 600, 9 am. Call Sharon for info 384-0504.

Domestic Violence Prevention Booth - April 10 & 17, EAFB AAFES Joint Military Mall.

Homecoming Alaska - Partners in Prevention" Symposium - April 22 Lee Reserve Center, 7-9 pm and April 23 Lee Reserve Center, 1-3 pm. Open to the community. Please call Army Community Service (ACS) to reserve a seat 384-1517.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Parent Awareness Training/ACS Tour Group - April 29, Bldg 600, 10:30 am. For more info, call Tammie 384-0225.

FAP is presenting a Domestic Violence Prevention Stand Down Play - April 30, at the Post Theater. Performance times are 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. Featuring the Native Heritage Center "Miracle Drummers and Dancers". Guest speaker: Tobias Shugak, a "Wellness Warrior". For more info, call Tammie 384-0225.

The Family Advocacy Program in conjunction with Ursa Major & Ursa Minor Elementary Schools are having a Parent/Child Walk in May (date TBA) starting 3:30 pm. Checkpoints will include Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Shoppette & Post Library parking lot, Fire Station, Field on 5th and YS.

Buckner Physical Fitness Center staff, FAP, and ASAP are co-hosting a Free Family "Jaws Night" Pool Party - May 21, Buckner Fitness Center, 7 pm.